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THOUGHTS ON A SUMMER DAY

by L. Paul Bartling

Herb Brokering, in the refrain of his well-known verse which reflects on the common stuff of life, says it well:

Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things.
I, too, will praise Him with a new song!

It's sad, yet strangely beautiful, how so many common things around us sing their own happy song of praise to God, and we are not listening, not noticing.

Today I've been put to the test. On this magnificently clear and warm summer day, Donene, our indomitable "Soundings" editor, who in season and out unfailingly meets mailing deadlines, has requested that I quickly furnish her copy for this month's bishop's column.

For inspiration I've just completed a walk around St. John-by-the Zoo. Before me now is a dandelion and a pretty violet-colored flower (whose name I don't know), picked at random from a patch of weedy grass near the parking lot below the synod office. We consider them weeds, dig them up, poison them with chemicals. But have you ever looked at them real closely, and taken time to appreciate the brightness they bring to our world in their own simple way?

The pencil in my hand! We write with one end and communicate to one another our thoughts and feelings. I can write with that pencil, (as I did this morning), a warming "I love you" to my 96-year-old mother now living far away, and bring to her joy in her lonely existence. With the other end of the common pencil we can erase our mistakes and start over again, just like a forgiving God who rubs out our mistakes and gives us always a fresh start.

A new wooden desk--painstakingly crafted over many months by a caring husband, now prominently placed in Donene's office which is adjacent to mine. When you visit the synod office, "drop by" and observe closely the highly polished wood veneer. Look at the grain, how the lines curve and sway in harmony with each other as they bring together something beautiful to look at. It once was a tree--stately and strong, maybe broken and splintered, and yet a place of play and joyful singing for the bird and the squirrel, and the ruddy country child.

And then there is glass--stained church glass that bathes the room in color--clear glass in my office through which I can see the artistry of nature outside, and yet be protected from the fury of wind and rain--mirrored glass in the rest room down the hall, in which I can see face-to-face the one who praises God most of all.

Creator God, how good you are to have given us all these things and so much more! Open my eyes to really see your praise hidden somewhere behind all the clutter and clamor of my life. No, Lord, help me to see and praise you with a <u>new</u> song, not only on a beautiful summer day, but even in the clutter and clamor of those darker and colder winter days yet ahead.

N E W S

SYNOD ASSEMBLY OFFERINGS

The total offering from the 1991 Synod Assembly was $1,221.04, which was authorized by the Synod Council to be distributed as follows:

-$636.02 to ELCA World Hunger for the Horn of Africa;

-$318.01 to Lutheran Social Services of WA/ID for victims of domestic violence;

-$318.01 to Catholic Community Services for victims of domestic violence.

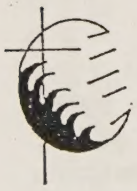
We have received thank-you letters from all of these agencies, plus a letter of appreciation from New Beginnings, a shelter for battered women and their children in Seattle, which received a gift of blankets and toys after our assembly.

The Executive Director of New Beginnings writes:

Throughout our 15 years of existence, we have responded to over 135,000 cries for help and have sheltered over 7,000 women and children, and the need continues to be more than we can meet. It is with support of people like you that we are able to maintain our services of counseling, referrals, medical and legal assistance to the women and children we serve. Thank you for your generosity!

And from Catholic Community Services:

Please pass on to the caring people involved that the theme chosen for your meeting has allowed victims of domestic violence, who often go unheard, to have a louder voice.



AWAKENINGS Process

Creating climate for dialogue;
Which leads to review, shaping, and reshaping
Our individual and corporate mission and ministries,
In light of scripture and Lutheran teachings;
As we hear the cry, hurt, pain, and hope
Of those within and without our Church community.

AWAKENINGS PROCESS by Deloris Knutson

The AWAKENINGS Process Group met June 22 for a half-day training session with Faye Asquith, Director of the Division for Congregational Life/Congregational Social Ministry. A coordinating team of six individuals has been established, along with an 8-member support team.

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AWAKENINGS (cont.)

In August we are beginning to develop training materials for congregations. Watch for further information as we move through this process, and for your invitation to join us in 1992.

WORLD HUNGER GIVING STATISTICS

Per capita giving to World Hunger from Region I is the highest of all nine regions of the ELCA. Alaska Synod is first, with $3.51 per confirmed member. Southwestern Washington Synod is next with $1.58, and Northwest Washington Synod is third, with $1.49.

Roger Livdahl, Director of the World Hunger Appeal, writes: *While we are thankful for the new ability for our church to respond generously to individual disasters, WE ALL KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO ENCOURAGE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REGULAR WORLD HUNGER APPEAL. Our basic support to Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran World Service, as well as our other important mandated ministries, come from this fund.*

Bill Dingler of Lutheran World Relief reports that a grant of up to $15,000 has been approved to assist victims of the havoc caused by the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in the Philippines. The grant will be channeled through the Lutheran World Federation, and will be used to purchase rice, medicines, and blankets, and to provide temporary shelter. A grant of an additional $50,000 has been approved for victims of the recent Bangladesh cyclone. To date, a total of $100,000 has been sent by LWR to help allevitate the suffering caused by this disaster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMPANION SYNOD COMMITTEE REPORT

On July 12 and 13, we were blessed with a visit from Dr. Francis Stephanos, President of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. He shared with us current information about the political situation in Ethiopia, the famine relief effort, and our Companion Synod (the Northern Work Area).

Our prayers are important! We can make a difference in the lives of these

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COMPANION SYNOD (cont.)
beautiful people, simply by praying. Pray that the end of their civil strife will result in re-planting of crops, renewal of their economy, reuniting of families, and restoration of their freedom. Pray for stable government, justice, health and ethnic unity. Pray for God's presence in their midst. Make a commitment, right now, to set aside five minutes each day to pray for our companions in Ethiopia.

ELCA ASSEMBLY IN ORLANDO

CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

See Grow Serve to the Glory of God

Orlando, FL
August 28-Sept. 4.

Our synod's delegates to the Churchwide Assembly Aug 28-Sept 4 were elected at the 1990 synod assembly, and are listed here for your reference:

Bishop Lowell Knutson	783-9292
Jane Prestbye	392-0400
Rev. Anne Morawski	784-1040
Rev. Don Maier	783-2350
Rev. Jeff Russell	252-8291
Sharon Greenwood	283-5546
Sue Logghe	733-4071
Sally Wing	747-5924
Paul Rieke	367-0557
Ron Jacobson	652-0191
Bill McKinnon	787-2163

You may wish to contact these individuals with your concerns or comments, since they are our voting representatives at the Assembly. Following the Assembly, you may also want to be in touch to obtain specific information relative to actions of the Assembly.

ATTENTION! GREAT TRIPS!
This is a reminder to read your August issue of SEEDS on page 3. This is your
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TRIPS (cont.)
chance to take a trip to South Africa and Namibia, or Peru, to examine changes occurring in these regions, and the critical role the church plays in the struggle for liberation.

Contact the Center for Global Education in Minneapolis, 612/330-1159 for further information and to make your reservations.

A REQUEST FROM CAMPUS MINISTRY
Now is the time for all good churchfolk to come to the aid of Lutheran Campus Ministry! Right now, students are making their plans for college in the fall. If you would like to help keep them connected with their church, just about the most effective thing that you can do is to help campus ministry staff contact students before or immediately upon their arrival.

Schedules and campus lifestyles are formed immediately, and campus ministry has a much better chance of being a part of students' lives if it can get their attention right away. Please write a note to the chapel, campus ministry, or contact parish for the schools the young people from your parish plan to attend. Or, telephone the campus ministry staff to alert them to the new arrival. Your student's summer address will make it possible for immediate contact to be made.

If you don't know whom to contact, help is readily available. Each of our campus ministries has directories with addresses of Lutheran and other mainline churches' campus ministries for the entire country. They will be glad to help you! (See insert for names and addresses of campus ministers.)

PRAYER FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT by The Rev. John Boonstra, Executive Minister, Washington Association of Churches

We live in a time where political reconfigurations are drastically re-shaping global economic relationships. One of the characteristics of this re-shaping is the establishment of new trade alliances between nations and regions.

One of these proposals is for an alliance between Canada, Mexico and the U.S., called
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NORTH AMERICAN AGREEMENT (cont.)
the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Many have expressed fear about the so-called "free trade" label being used to describe the treaty. They say that our primary concern should include free trade, but only when it promotes and insures "fair trade".

On August 19-21, representatives from the governments of Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. will meet in Seattle for the first formal negotiating session of NAFTA. This will be a crucial time for persons of faith to witness to the importance of environmental protections, workers' rights, workplace health and safety, respect for immigrant and indigenous communities, and for a just solution to the international debt crisis.

WE ARE ASKING THAT ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, ALL CHURCHES IN WASHINGTON STATE JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYER FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS. We urge that you pray for a sense of openness and inclusiveness, for the well being of indigenous communities throughout the Americas being affected by the trade agreement; that justice and concern for the dignity of all creation be respected as priamry ingredients in the discussions.

EVERY-HOME SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE LUTHERAN

At present, 84 congregations in our synod are providing Congregational Every-Home Plan subscriptions to THE LUTHERAN magazine and the synod supplement for their member households.

In 1992, the synod expects to utilize eight free 4-page supplement issues to publicize local synod news. This free allocation for the supplement is based on the number of congregations providing the Every-Home Plan subscriptions. These free supplements will be interspersed among the 12 annual issues of THE LUTHERAN, as it moves into monthly publication in 1992.

The rate for the Every-Home subscriptions in 1992 will be $5.30. The individual subscription rate will be $10.00. What a bargain for a very fine church magazine that reaches individual homes.

EVERY-HOME PLAN (cont.)

Please encourage your congregation to include the Every-Home Plan subscriptions as a line item in your budget.

Congregations are encouraged to provide news items and suggestions for our synod's supplement. Items of coming significance should be communicated to the supplement editor at least two months before they are to occur.

Send information to The Rev. Norm Folkers, Synod Supplement Editor, 18301-68th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98037; 778-9333.

ECUMENICAL DECADE IN SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN
by Pastor Ron Blake

The Ecumenical Decade in Solidarity with Women Committee would like to thank those of you who filled out the questionnaire at the synod assembly in Bellevue. There were 135 people who responded, representing over 66 congregations of our 116-congregation synod. It is pleasing to note that both women and men are represented in virtually every aspect of church life.

Concerning the question, "What are the most important issues for the 'Decade' Committee of our synod to address?", 101 people prioritized the list as follows: 78 ranked "domestic violence", 70 ranked "women and poverty in the USA", and 51 ranked "changing roles for women in family structure" either first, second, or third.

It is quite clear that the traditional American family is under great stress today. The critical question is, how will the roles of male and female change over the next decade to strengthen "family" and to ease the stress causing domestic violence and growing numbers of women and children on the poverty roles?

The church must take an active role in leading us to a healthier understanding of family structures, and to free us from male and female stereotypes that are strongly embedded in popular cultural mythology.

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ECUMENICAL DECADE (cont.)

Several questionnaire respondents commented that it is not just women who need help. Let us pray that God will grant us wisdom not only to understand the nature of our distress, but also the courage to bring healing and a new vision to a people ravaged by over 4,000 years of unabated sexism.

CALLING/CARING TRAINING AVAILABLE

The Rev. Arden Barden has received ceritification as a trainer for Calling/Caring Seminars. He is avaialble for introductory sessions, training workshops, or adult education. Specific dates may be arranged for congregations or clusters.

Calling/Caring equips lay people for attention to active, less active, and inactive members; for responding to guests and other non-member referrals; and for enriching the fellowship of the worshipping/serving community of believers. This resource may be adapted to the specific needs and goals of your congregation.

Pastor Barden's training can be contacted at 271-0934 for information about the training, or about sponsoring an event in your area.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAREGIVER'S WALK

Columbia Lutheran Home in Seattle is planning a "Caregiver's Walk" from 9 am to 11 am on Saturday, August 17, from Columbia, 4700 Phinney Ave N, to Spinnaker's Restaurant. The 3-mile Walk will celebrate the role of the caregiver and raise funds to re-paint resident rooms. Each walker with $30 in pledges will receive a Columbia T-shirt. Come join us and help brighten up our residents' lives! For more information, call Anne-Marie Lake, 632-7400.

FORUM ON INITIATIVE 19: DEATH WITH DIGNITY OR AN ETHICAL NIGHTMARE?

The Ethics Committee of Columbia Lutheran Home will sponsor a forum on Initiative 119 on Wednesday, August 28, at 1:30 pm at the home's Conference Center. Pastors and lay members of the Northwest Washington Synod are invited to attend.

Christians have taken varying positions on Initiative 119, which will appear on the ballot as a statewide voting issue in November, 1991. Some see it as a clarification of the existing Natural Death Act, allowing terminally ill people to exercise their rights to a reasonable death. Others see it as assisted suicide, and a critical step toward acceptance of euthanasia.

The Rev. Ralph Mero, a Unitarian minister, president of the Hemlock Society of Washington, and a primary author of Initiative 119, will speak as a proponent. Dr. Peter McGough, a family practice physician, Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Washington, member of Washington Physicians Against 119, and current chair of the Legislative Committee for the Washington State Medical Association, will speak against the initiative.

We invite your attendance at Columbia Lutheran Home, 4700 Phinney Ave N, in Seattle (please use the Dayton entrance on the east side of the building). Refreshments will be served. Call Anne-Marie Lake at 632-7400 for more information.

PARISH EDUCATION RESOURCES FAIR

Augsburg Fortress is offering free workshops for folks interested in parish education on Thursday, August 29, 3:30-9:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church, 23525-84th Ave W, Edmonds, 778-2189. The workshop schedule is as follows:

4:00-4:45 pm WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR ADULT CLASS

5:00-5:45 pm WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS AND PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

6:00-7:00 pm CONFIRMATION - OVERVIEW AND TEACHER HELPS

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MORE EVENTS

PARISH EDUCATION FAIR (cont.)

7:00-7:30 pm WHAT MAKES FOR GOOD TEACHING . . .

7:30-9:00 pm REJOICE and WITNESS SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM TEACHER ASSISTANCE

Confirmation Teachers: plan to attend 6-7:30 pm

Sunday School Teachers: plan to attend 7-9:00 pm

Amy Plumb and Carolyn Berge from Augsburg Fortress will be the presenters. They will be available to consult with you individually or in small groups from 3:30-7:00 pm. For more information, call 778-1552.

A GATHERING FOR MEN

A men's retreat is scheduled for the weekend of Sept 6-8 at Camp Casey near Coupeville. This retreat is endorsed by the Sno-King Cluster Council, and is presented by Counseling Associates of Lynnwood. Dr. Charles Davis, Pastoral Counselor, will facilitate this gathering for men on the topic, "A MAN AND HIS STORY".

Each participate will be reflecting on the meaning of his life. Total cost is $100. Registrations are due now; limited to 40 participants. For additional information and a registration form, contact Counseling Associates at 778-8622.

CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Women of the ELCA announces "CARING FOR CREATION: A CHALLENGE FOR THE CHURCH", a conference on the environment to be held on Sept 20-22 at the Blue Ridge Assembly YMCA near Asheville, North Carolina.

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The conference is co-sponsored by WELCA, the ELCA Hunger Education Program, the ELCA Youth Program, and ELCA Outdoor Ministries.

Deadline to register is Sept 1; call 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2746.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINARS PLANNED

The synod Stewardship Committee is providing two opportunities for members of our congregations to attend a seminar on estate planning, tax planning, wills, and endowments. "STEWARDING THE GIFTS OF A LIFETIME: ENCOURAGING CHRISTIAN ESTATE PLANNING FOR YOUR CONGREGATION" will be offered on Saturday, Sept 21 at Lutheran Bible Institute, and Saturday, Sept 28 at Salem Lutheran in Mount Vernon. Both seminars will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at a cost of $15 /person for the LBI seminar (9/21) and $10/person for the Mount Vernon seminar (9/28). Cost includes all materials, lunch, and coffee breaks.

Among items covered will be basic and advance estate planning, sample legal documents ("living wills", durable power of attorney, etc.), changing tax dollars into charitable dollars, establishing and operating an endowment fund for a congregation, and how to address these needs within your own congregation. Congregations are encouraged to send task force or committee members together.

Presenters and resource people will include the Rev. Norm Landvik of the ELCA Foundation; the Rev. Paul Gabrielson, Director for Planned Giving for LBI; Arthur Stan Price, financial planning specialist with Lutheran Brotherhood; Jan Cunningham, an attorney in Seattle; and Brian Clark, an attorney in Mount Vernon. Both attorneys are specialists in estate planning and probate. These resource people will be on hand to give participants ideas about estate planning alternatives. They will not be promoting their individual products, services, or institutions.

Pre-registration is required. For questions and/or a registration form, please call Christine Brass, registrar, at 624-0093.

PHONE-A-THON TO PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence is holding its semi-annual phone-a-thon on Oct 6, 7 and 13. The Center works with the entire ecumenical religious community to break the silence surrounding domestic violence and sexual abuse. If you can help, call 634-1903 and ask for Lennie.

MORE EVENTS

CLERGY SPOUSE GATHERING

Please put on your calendar a gathering of clergy spouses on Oct 19, 9:30 am to 2 pm at Camano Lutheran Church. Details will follow in a special mailing.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT 21	SYNOD COUNCIL
OCT 4-5	SYNOD WELCA CONVENTION, Everett Pacific Hotel
OCT 12	SNO-KING CLUSTER CHURCH COUNCIL TRAINING, Gloria Dei, Alderwood Manor
OCT 18	REPORT FROM ELCA DIVISION FOR MINISTRY ON STUDY OF MINISTRY, Prince of Peace, South Seattle
OCT 27	ANNUAL REFORMATION SERVICE, GORDON LATHROP SPEAKING, St. James Cathedral, Seattle
OCT 28	BISHOP'S CONVOCATION, GORDON LATHROP, St. James Cathedral, Seattle
NOV 7-8	MULTIPLE STAFF WORKSHOP, Lutheran Bible Institute
NOV 16	SYNOD COUNCIL
	1992
JAN 29	BISHOP'S CONVOCATION, CARL BRAATEN SPEAKING
MAY 28	BISHOP'S ANNUAL ASCENSION DAY CONVOCATION
JUNE 12-13	SYNOD ASSEMBLY, Everett Pacific Hotel

CONTINUING EDUCATION

SELECT COURSES

Persons interested in taking SELECT courses, beginning in the fall with 1) Lutheran Theology, 2) Interpreting the New Testament, or 3) Lutheran Heritage, please call Renee Shaffer at Grace Lutheran in Bellevue, 454-4344.

CALLING-CARING MINISTRY LAB I

Learn the "language of healing" at this Lab I workshop on Sept 6-8, 20-21, and Oct 11-12 at Cross & Cross Lutheran Church, 10940 SE 168th St, Renton. The presenter

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CALLING-CARING LAB I (cont.)

is Pastor John LaMunyon of Holy Trinity Lutheran in Ephrata, WA. John is an ELCA pastor and a certified trainer for Calling-Caring Ministries.

Registration is $90 for an individual registrant, $85/registrant for two persons from the same church, $80/registrant for three, and $75/registrant for four or more. Deadline to register is August 26. Contact Sandra Denoff at Cross & Crown, 255-5910.

Why attend a Lab I? Local churches, whether small or large, will benefit greatly by training their pastors and lay people in Calling-Caring Ministry skills, which will be useful in all areas of life, family, church, work, school, etc. In Lab I you wil learn specific skills on how to care for another person. Eleven of the skills are listening behaviors, and the others are rapport building, problem solving and closure skills.

WORSHIP WORKSHOP

A worship workshop will be offered for clergy and lay staff, worship committee members, organists, choir directors and members, and those persons interested in enhancing the worship experience in congregations. The date is set for Sept 28 at Christ the King Lutheran, 1305 Pine St, Snohomish, 568-5704, from 10 am to 3 pm.

Registration cost for lunch and materials is $12.50/person; $45/congregation with 4 or more. Late registration is $15/person or $50/congregation. Questions? Call Michelle Koger, 794-5038.

FESTIVAL OF ART

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Seattle, will be hosting a special "Festival of Art" in preparation for Advent, Oct 28-Nov 2. Led by the Grunewald Guild, a Christian art community near Leavenworth, and their director, Richard Caemmerer, this week-long festival will include workshops every night and a banquet on Saturday night.

Workshops will focus on Advent motifs such as repentance, hope, and light, and will offer ways for people of all ages to be involved in "arting" in various media, with an eye to congregational use. All are welcome to attend.

AND MORE EVENTS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FROM THE SYNOD WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Synod Worship Committee invites you to two upcoming special events:

* HYMN FESTIVAL led by David Cherwien and Susan Palo Cherwien from Minneapolis on Friday, Oct 4 at 7 pm at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

* WORSHIP WORKSHOP titled "Worship in the 90's and Beyond: Faithfulness Amidst Diversity" on Saturday, Oct 5, 9 am-1pm at Gethsemane, Seattle. Workshop presenters will include David Cherwien, Susan Palo Cherwien, Katie Adelman, Jim McEachran, Carol Tomer and others. More details on both of these events will follow.

MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY TRAINING EVENT

A LITE-sponsored event titled "Gateway to the Pacific" will be held on Oct 18-20 at Lutheran Bible Institute. A GEM resource event, the concentration will be on ministry in/to the Asian community. This weekend retreat/workshop will be led by the Rev. Eric Law, Episcopal priest and Asian American storyteller/musician.

Tuition is low at $20/person, or $70 for four or more from one congregation, with limited room and board at LBI for an additional charge (scholarships available). This event carried 1.0 CEU credit (10 contact hours). Contact the LITE office at 535-7342 for additional information and registration materials.

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT HOLDEN VILLAGE

Experience the sensuousness of God's creation under the theme, "Toward a Body-Centered Spirituality" on Nov 8-11. Explore the global, biblical and historical basis for body-centered spirituality through exercises, reflection and interaction. Retreat leaders Stacy Kitahata and Julie Dennison both serve the ELCA in the Division for Global Mission. Julie is both a pastor and a trained touch therapist. Stacy interprets ELCA global mission strategies for local congregations.

THANKSGIVING AT HOLDEN

The Thanksgiving holiday is a popular time to come to Holden and celebrate with friends and family. Weekend activities will include opportunities for people of all ages to participate in making crafts, celebrating in worship, and listening to presentations which will center on the gifts and concerns of the Native American community. Abundant special music will be provided by Northwest singer/songwriter Linda Allen and other members of the Holden community. Write to Holden Village, Chelan, WA 98816, for reservations.

HOLDEN VILLAGE
CHELAN, WASHINGTON 98816

WINTER OPPORTUNITIES AT HOLDEN

Two 10-week Winter Sojourn sessions are offered Oct 7-Dec 13, 1991, and Mar 9-May 15, 1992. Cost for each session is $775, which covers board, room and all program expenses. Each participant works as a half-time member of the Holden Village volunteer staff.

"February Sojourn: A Month Apart" is a program of guided study and reflection which does not include part-time work, Feb 3-28, 1992; cost is $520.

Write to Holden for information and application forms.

TRANSITION SEMINAR

This seminar on Nov 18-20 is for rostered persons who have recently changed parishes. Special invitations will be sent out, but interested persons need to mark their calendars and contact the synod office. This GEM focus event carried 1.0 CEU credit (10 contact hours). It will be held at St. Mary's Conference Center in Toledo, WA.

R E S O U R C E S

A/V CORNER by Christine Brass, Region I A/V Resource Center

September brings the resumption of Sunday Church School in most congregations. The Region I A/V Resource Center has several training videos designed for both the new and the experienced Sunday School

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MORE RESOURCES

A/V CORNER (cont.)

teacher. These videos present ideas on methods of teaching, stories and activities, and maintaining discipline:

* Journey with Jesus the Teacher examines Jesus' teaching methods and shows teachers how to meet students' emotional needs, how to re-direct negative energies, and how to be open to interruptions, using real-life classroom situations.

* Living the Story focuses on teaching for response, planning sessions, and motivating students.

* Rejoice in Your Sunday School introduces the "Rejoice" curriculum and explores resources and ideas for use.

* Teaching Adolescents is geared for adults who teach youth ages 12-15. This video is designed to help adults relate and share with youth in a more effective manner.

* Teaching with Media shows actual classroom teachers demonstrate the use ov various types of media in class. The video includes two complete Bible stories, one for ages 7-12, and one for ages 3-6.

* Using Video in Ministry shows how to use video in a teaching setting productively.

* Welcome to the Share Fair gives demonstrations on developing and using an all-school activity center.

To reserve these videos or other resources, contact Christine at 624-0093.

NEW HEALTH VIDEO AVAILABLE

An exciting 5-part video series on "Striving for Fullness of Life: The Church's Challenge in Health" has been produced by Wheat Ridge. Featuring major speakers Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, former Surgeon General C. Everett Kooop, and church historian Martin E. Marty, the video takes highlights and insights from a national church leaders health symposium at The Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and bring them home to the life of the local congregation.

Designed for parish adult Bible classes, the video comes with a 20-page study guide.

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NEW HEALTH VIDEO (cont.)

Through a Lutheran Brotherhood grant, a copy of the video has been placed in our regional resource center (624-0093) for use by congregations. The video is also available for free loan use or purchase ($29.00) from Wheat Ridge. Write or call Wheat Ridge, 104 S Michigan, Suite 610, Chicago, IL 60603; 1-800-762-6748.

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION RESOURCES

In response to numerous requests from congregations and synods for resources relating to environmental concerns and the stewardship of creation, the ELCA Division for Congregational Life is making available several items:

* Responsibility for Creation: A 1991 Ecological Resource Packet for Churches, prepared for the ELCA by The North American Conference on Christianity & Ecology, P O Box 14305, San Francisco, CA 94114; (415) 626-6064.

* Only One Earth, published by the United Nations Environmental Programme, DC2-803 United Nations, New York, NMY 10017.

* Race to Save the Planet: Facilitator's Resource Guide, published by the North American Coalition on Religion and Ecology, 5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 462-2591.

These items are available for review in the synod office, and can be ordered directly from the publishers. If you have questions about these or other resources, call Mark Burkhardt, Specialist for Environmental Concerns, Division for Congregational Life, 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2556.

W A N T A D S

A REQUEST FROM THE SYNOD WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We are beginning to gather data about the worship practices in our synod. Later this fall you will be receiving a questionnaire about your congregation's worship. To give us a headstart, our question is: Are you currently using an alternative liturgy or alternative resources for worship? If so, please send information and/or sample resources to the Worship Committee Chair, Pastor Carol Tomer, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 911 Stewart St, Seattle, WA 98101.

MORE WANT ADS

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Lutheran Social Services, Northwest Area Office, announces an opening for Director of Development. The major responsibiliites of this full-time position are donation appeals, major gift solicitation, and special event fund raising. To obtain a job description, call 672-6009. Apply with resume to LSS, 6920-220th St SW, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043. Closing date is Sept 9.

CHAPLAINCY POSITION

Joseph Sunset Home, a 189-bed long-term care facility located in Stanwood, is seeking applicants for a full-time chaplain to be part of the caring team. Responsible for developing and implementing a coordinated pastoral care ministry for residents, families, and staff. Candidates must be ordained ELCA/LCMS clergy with experience in a long-term care setting. CPE and/or counseling accreditation preferred.

Send resume to Monica Matson, Administrator, Josephine Sunset Home, 9901-272nd Pl NW, Stanwood, WA 98292; 629-2126.

LIVE-IN CARE NEEDED

Live-in care for a wheelchair-bound woman; nightly sleep will be interrupted; nursing and/or mental health background ideal; driving required; prefer mature Christian. Beautiful country setting and home; $1,000/month plus room and board (will consider married couple). Respond to Box 719, Concrete, WA 98237.

GRAVESITES AVAILABLE

Two side-by-side gravesites in the Pacific Lutheran section of Evergreen Washelli Cemetery are available at their fair market appraised value of $1,122.00 each. Call James Johnson, 781-5690 or 441-1500.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bethany of the Northwest at Silver Lake in Everett is recruiting volunteers 13 years of age and up for weekend, weekday, morning, afternoon and evening volunteer opportunities. Please call Jannice Weaver at 338-3000.

PART-TIME YOUTH POSITIONS OPEN

Trinity Lutheran in McMinnville, OR, is accepting applications for a part-time Director of Youth Ministries. Send cover letter and resume to Trinity Lutheran Church, 2020 Birch St, McMinnville, OR 97128; (503) 472-7736. Completion of the hiring process is anticipated by Oct 1.

Immanuel Lutheran in Centralia, WA is seeking a part-time Director of Youth Ministries, effective immediately; starting salary $750/month. Contact the church Monday-Thursday, 8 am-1 pm at 736-9270.

ORGANIST WANTED

A organist position is open at Our Redeemer's Lutheran in the Ballard area of Seattle. Please send resume ASAP and cover letter to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 2400 NW 85th St, Seattle, WA 98117, Attn: Pastor Maynard Atik; 783-7900.

ORGAN AVAILABLE FOR DONATION

An organ in excellent condition, 1960 Conn Serenade with all original paperwork. Call Linda Samuelson, 524-3178 (Seattle).

SYNOD/REGIONAL FAMILY

We extend our prayers of sympathy to the families of the following pastors in our region who have passed away recently: Art McGee, Paul Hoch, and Edward Andersen . . . the following people have had surgeries and are recovering: Ron Soine, Wes Tollefson, and Marilyn Carraher . . . Donn Rosenauer broke a foot while vacationing in Denmark, and injured the other foot at the ELCA youth convention in Dallas. He is healing fine . . . Ken Daugs and Everett Jensen have recently been hospitalized with heart problems and are home now . . . Victor Langford of St. Mark, Seattle is the newly elected president of the African American Lutheran Association (AALA). He was elected at the third biennial convention in Philadelphia in June . . . Jon Nelson of Central, Seattle, was tried in absentia on July 15 for a "sit in" in Senator Slade Gorton's office the day the Persian Gulf War began. He was found guilty, but has not yet been sentenced.

MINISTRY, VOCATION, AND FAMILY:
A Time for Reflection, Renewal, and Focus

The Rev. Larry Gaffin, Director of the Center for Life Decisions, a career counseling service in Seattle, will offer a workshop for pastors who wish to clarify, reflect, and/or renew the interactions of vocation, family, and personal goals in their lives.

Do I need to refocus the kind of ministry I'm doing?

Do I have a sense of balance in my life?

Should I consider vocational options...inside or outside the Church?

Am I clear about my skills AND abilities?

Do I have control of the stress in my life?

Larry is a UCC clergyperson with extensive background in parish ministry, campus ministry, and career counseling. Using a process that has been effective for countless others, Larry has developed vocational counseling skills for his own job changes, his several ministries, and his clients in private practice.

This workshop is sponsored by the bishops and district president of the Northwest through Consultation to Clergy. Both the registration process and the interactions of the workshop will be confidential. The ambiance of the workshop will be informal, relaxed, and intentional.

This workshop will be limited to 20 persons. Dates are October 14-16 (9 AM Monday to 4:30 Wednesday), 1991. The workshop will be held in Seattle, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Housing can be arranged on request.

Registration packets will be sent to those who return the form below. Registration must be completed by Sept. 15.

Cost for the workshop will be $150 per person, plus housing and meals. Funding assistance may be available through congregational sources, GEM program funds, scholarships through CTC, and the bishops' and district president's offices. Consult Eldon Olson at CTC, 911 Stewart St., Seattle WA 98101, for details.

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NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

FUNDING AVAILABLE TO ME IN THE CONGREGATION $_____

FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH PERSONAL RESOURCES $ _____.__

PLEASE RETURN BY SEPT. 15, 1991 TO CONSULTATION TO CLERGY, 911 STEWART, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101. (206)623-8193

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2 HOLIDAY--SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED
5 Candidacy Committee, St. John, Seattle, 9am-3pm
7 Leadership Support Committee, 9 am, Trinity, Lynnwood
10 Global Missions Committee, 10 am, St John, Seattle
10 Finance Committee, 6 pm, Prince of Peace No
11 Cluster Deans, St. John, Seattle, 10 am
12 Executive Committee, 7:30 am, St John, Seattle
12 Ecumenical Commission, 1 pm St. John, Seattle
14 Worship Committee, 9:30 am, St. Andrew's, Bellevue
14 Mission Development & Outreach Committee, 9:30 am, St John, Seattle
17 1992 Synod Assembly planning, 11:30 am, Trinity, Lynnwood
19 Board of Congregational Life, 7:30 pm, Prince of Peace No
21 SYNOD COUNCIL, 9 am
21 Stewardship Seminar, 9 am, LBI, Issaquah
22 Whatçom Cluster Potluck, 6 pm,
24 Board of Extended Ministries, 7:30 pm, St John, Seattle

OCT

4-5 Synod WELCA Convention, Everett Pacific Hotel

AUGUST 1991

CALLS ACCEPTED LP=Lead Pastor A=Associate Y=Youth Pastor

John H. Bergren (A)	Faith, Redmond and Lutheran Bible Institute, Issaquah	09/01/91
F. Philip Strain	Trinity, Kirkland	10/1/91

AIM APPOINTMENT(S) ACCEPTED

Patricia Moylan	Faith, Redmond	09/01/91

INSTALLATION(S)

John H. Bergren	Faith, Redmond	09/22/91
Gene M. Bradbury	Bethlehem, Sedro-Woolley	09/22/91
Richard M. Webb	First, Richmond Beach	09/15/91

ORDINATION(S)

Mark Galbraith	for Nebraska Synod	07/14/91
Susan K. Walton	for Montana Synod	07/14/91
Richard W. Webb	Augustana, St. James, MN	08/07/91

COMMISSIONING OF ASSOCIATE IN MINISTRY

Elizabeth M. Jensen	for Gtr Milwaukee Synod	07/14/91

RESIGNATION(S)

Gene G. Bradbury	Shepherd/Hills, Concrete	08/15/91
Timothy J. Carraher	Shepherd/Hills, Startup	07/01/91
Patricia Moylan	Faith, Redmond	08/01/91
F. Philip Strain	Freeborn, Stanwood	09/15/91

TRANSFER(S) IN/OUT OF SYNOD

John H. Bergren	from So Calif West Synod	09/01/91
John D. Gilmore	from St Paul Area Synod	11/01/90
Richard M. Waag	to Montana Synod	07/21/91

CONGREGATIONS IN CALL PROCESS NV=New Vacancy Int=Interim
CP=Congregational Profile I=Interviewing C=Calling

Arlington, Our Savlour's	NV	Tim Carraher, Interim
Bellingham, Central (Assoc)	C	Leonard Ericksen, Pastor
Concrete, Shepherd/Hills	NV	
Edison, Bow	I	Paul Wietzke, Int
Edmonds, Christ (Assoc)	I	Robert Quello, Pastor
Kirkland, Trinity	C	Susan Kyllo, Interim
Seattle, Lakeridge	Int	Lothar Pietz, Interim
Seattle, Magnolia	C	Vicki Morse, Interim
Seattle, Phinney Ridge (Assoc)	NV	Don Maier, Pastor
Startup, Shepherd/Hills	NV	

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOUR CONGREGATION IS SEEKING A LAY PROFESSIONAL, PLEASE CONTACT THE SYNOD OFFICE. THANK YOU.